

to serve as the United States representative for the World Food Program, the Food and Agricultural Organization, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, all of the agencies of the United Nations, which assist in international hunger relief.

This is a bittersweet time for me. I have had the privilege and honor to call TONY my colleague for two decades. He is my best friend in Congress. We have been part of a small group that has met for 20 years. Bill Emerson was in that group. Bill and TONY went to Ethiopia in 1994. A lot of what the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) did, he got me interested in a lot of issues that I would not have been interested in. That group meeting every Tuesday for 20 years, almost like a band of brothers, has made a big difference in certainly my life.

TONY is one of the most decent, sincere, dedicated people that I know. And he finds his strength from his deeply held faith in God and by following the teachings of Jesus. In the Bible, in James, it says be not only hearers of the word, but also doers.

Micah 6:8 said, "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." TONY HALL is a man of great faith, and he not only hears the word, but he does the word. He takes his faith into his every-day life, whether it be hunger in Sudan or Ethiopia, whether it is conflict diamonds in Sierra Leone or Liberia, whether it be human rights in Kosovo or Bosnia or anywhere else in Eastern Europe. I would say, and the RECORD should show, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) is the best example that I know of what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 25 when he talks about feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, serving the poor. So as I said, it will be bittersweet to see my good friend leaving this body; but clearly I think everyone can say on both sides of the aisle, Republican and Democrat, well done. You have been faithful to all those principles.

TRIBUTE TO THE HON. TONY HALL

(Mrs. ROUKEMA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), and as the Republican on the Select Committee on Hunger, I learned to know and love and work with TONY HALL.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if it was mental telepathy, but just about an hour ago I found TONY on the floor of the House to tell him how regretful we were that he was leaving us. I had no idea, however, until I watched television in my office that this was coming up today.

TONY, you are God's blessing for the world and we wish you well, and we know you are going to help all of the hungry children of the world.

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(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opportunity and the blessing that has been given to my colleague and the dean of the Ohio Democratic delegation, TONY HALL. Unlike some of the speakers who came before me, I have not known him 20 years. I have only known him the past 4 years when I came to the U.S. Congress as the Representative for the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

I found him to be all of the things that the colleagues, my colleagues, have previously said, kind, gentle, hard-working, with a deep concern for people all across this world. Very recently I had an opportunity to travel to Egypt, and I traveled with the AED as well as USAID to look at educational opportunities in these communities for women and girls. It was an eye-opening experience for me to have that opportunity because I realized and saw for myself the poverty and the lack of living standards that these poor young men and women were living in, and children. The educational programs provided an opportunity for young girls to get educated, because in Egypt, that is not a place where education is something that is done for young women out in the rural areas.

I also had an opportunity to understand what we can do through education and education in providing food and shelter to people to deal with some of the hate that exists in this world. I am so pleased to have had an opportunity in my 4 years to have TONY HALL as my counsel, to have him as a guide, to have him as a model, to have him show the type of leadership, because we are going to come to learn in this Nation that we cannot just fight terrorism in this country by dealing with it by war. We have to fight terrorism by dealing with it with younger people and teaching them the importance of feeding the hungry, of giving water to the thirsty or giving clothing to those who do not have any clothing.

I just want to take my hat off to you, TONY HALL, and say it has been a privilege to serve with you in the House of Representatives. And since you are going to Rome, Italy, save me a bed. I am coming to see you.

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(Mr. SAWYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, this is a happy-sad day that TONY brings to us.

For the last 33 years, the genuine gentleman from Ohio has been serving the people of his community and our State and our Nation in remarkable ways, first in the Ohio House and then in the Senate, then it was as a Member of the United States Congress.

I first met TONY, although he probably will not remember it, in 1974 when I was working on behalf of a gubernatorial candidate all over the State and he was all running all over the State seeking to become Secretary of State. Fortunately he did not succeed in that because he may never have gotten to the United States Congress and to the threshold of the enormous opportunity and responsibility that lies before him today. I am confident that he will continue to be a tireless voice for alleviating global hunger.

TONY has been nominated for the Nobel Prize three times. One of these days the recognition that that will bring, people will understand the value of what he has done and can do with that recognition, and we will not be talking about nominations anymore. I have got much more written here, but I know you are trying to get as many people onto the floor as you can, Mr. Speaker. I will put much of this in the RECORD.

I just want to say that his service to his constituents has been remarkable as well and his work on behalf of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the whole history of aviation in Ohio has been a signal to the rest of the Nation of what the Miami Valley has meant in the course of this past century in going from the dune to the moon. It has been an amazing contribution.

But above all and more important than anything else, TONY HALL sets the standard for decency and integrity among us in the House. He models the behavior he expects of ally and adversary alike, and of each, he seeks to make a friend by being one.

Thank you, TONY. It has been an honor for all of us to serve with you as a Member of this House and for us from Ohio, in particular, as a member of your delegation. I hope we all will join in wishing TONY HALL the very best in his future endeavors because it will make our lives and our world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 33 years, TONY HALL, the Gentleman from Ohio, has been a true public servant for the people of Ohio, first, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, then as an Ohio State Senator, and for the last 24 years, as a member of the United States Congress. Through his dedication to improving human rights and ending hunger, he has served this institution, the Nation, and the world in exemplary fashion. I am confident that in his new position as the U.S. ambassador to the food and agriculture organizations in Rome, the Gentleman from Ohio will continue to be a tireless voice for alleviating global hunger. He will also bring honor and dignity to his